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In the present Office Action mailed March 6, 2007, claims 1 to 20 were pending before the Office. Of these, claims 1, 8, 10, 17, and 20 were the only independent claims.

The Office Action indicates that claims 8, 9, 11-16, 18, and 19 are allowable. Claims 10 and 17 are objected to for informalities but are otherwise allowable. Claims 1 to 3, 6, 7, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.

A. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have herein amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 4 as will be discussed in more detail below.

The Examiner indicates that claims 8-9, 11-16, 18, and 19 are allowable. Applicants appreciate the indication.

B. OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 10 AND 17

On page 2 of the present Office Action, claims 10 and 17 are objected to for allegedly incorrectly labeled 'first' and 'second' receivers but are otherwise allowable. Independent claims 10 and 17 are amended herein as suggested by the Examiner to make the claims allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 10

and 17. Further, since claims 10 and 17 were only objected to for informalities Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 10 and 17 are now allowable.

C. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3, 6-7, AND 20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(A)

The Office Action rejected claims 1 to 3, 6, 7, and 20 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 7,123,660 (Haq et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 5,745,533 (Asada et al.). (Office Action, page 2). Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 20 to include features identified by the Examiner as allowable claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include all the features from allowable claim 4. Claim 20 has been amended with features that are similar to features in allowable claim 4. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent 1 and 20 claims are now allowable over the relied upon references.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 20 in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims as originally filed are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

D. CONCLUSION


For the above reasons, Applicants assert that all of the independent claims 1, 8, 10, 17, and 20 are allowable.

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to make them allowable over relied upon references. Claim 8 was allowed by the Examiner. Claims 10 and 17 have been amended to overcome objections due to informalities.

Since the Applicants assert that all the independent claims are in condition for allowance and all remaining claims properly depend from the independent claims, Applicants assert that all claims are allowable.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due regarding this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully Submitted,



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